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Mission Statement

The mission of First Christian Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas is to lift up Jesus the Christ by:

- Enabling spiritual growth and deepened commitment, both individually and corporately;
- Developing a church family/community that is accepting and encouraging;
- Serving our community and the world through spiritual, physical, and emotional support; and,
- Reaching out in His name to the unchurched in our community.

Prayer for Veterans

O good and gracious God, the framers of our Declaration of Independence testified that you have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And ever since they penned these words, there have been those who would like to strip these freedoms from us.

This weekend, we remember all those who have defended these freedoms through their service in our armed forces.

Some of them served during World War II or the Korean War. Some served during the Vietnam War, in Grenada, or Panama. Some served during the Persian Gulf War, War in Afghanistan and the Iraq War. Some served during the Cold War, during the Cuban Missile Crisis. And some served during a time of unusual peace. Some served on foreign battlefields in harm's way, whereas some served stateside in relative safety.

Yet, all of them left behind and sacrificed much. They left behind friends, family and dreams. They left behind homes, possessions, even love. And they all sacrificed their health. Many still bear the scars from their service, spiritual, mental and physical. Many lie, even today, in our veterans' hospitals or struggle for recovery in rehabilitation centers. They suffer from post-traumatic stress and survivor's guilt; they yearn for peace in their souls. Some find themselves wandering hopeless and homeless in the land they defended.

And many sacrificed their very lives. They gave up their rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness so we could have those rights.

For all of these, our veterans, we ask your blessing.

We also pray your blessing for family members and friends who have made great sacrifices to make their service possible. And we pray for families and friends who grieve the deaths of those who left to serve only to never return.

Jesus said that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. So for all our veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us, we ask your blessing.

Keep them in your care and grant them the peace that they sought to safeguard for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace everywhere. Teach your children of every race, creed and faith, in every land, the ways of peace, so that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have sacrificed in vain.

We pray all these things in the name of the Prince of Peace, our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Jarrett

Worship and Education Opportunities

November 10

**“We Cannot Imagine”
Rev. Dr. Jarrett Banks
Luke 20:27-38**

Elders

Zena Marshall and Carl Warrington

Deacon

Jimmie Hudlow

Prepare Communion

Greta Pryor

Greeters

Jimmy Hudlow, Dewayne Pryor, Tim Randolph

Worship Leader

Zena Marshall

Elder on Call

Regina Respass—479-651-1566

Wednesday Night Study

Bring some takeout to Disciples Hall at **5:30 pm**, and join us for the study from **6:00 pm to 6:50 pm** on Wednesday nights.

We began the study on the book *Shift: Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church* by Mark Tidsworth. The book can be ordered here: <https://www.amazon.com/Shift-Three-Moves-Century-Church/dp/1517694337>. There is a small group curriculum that accompanies this book that we will be using. There's at least one copy in our church's Library.

It is ten small group sessions with six daily “engagements” between each small group which are like little daily devotions. Please plan to be a part of this exciting study!

Early Worship Service

There will be no early worship service on **November 10** (Thanksgiving Dinner).

Dianna's Notes

Children's Chimes and Jubilation Bells will meet Sunday in the Sanctuary at 9:10 am to rehearse “Give Thanks”.

Music Schedule

November 10 Children's Chimes and Jubilation Bells
November 17 Prime Time Bells
November 24 Disciples Bells

There will be no Jubilation Bells rehearsal on Sunday, November 17.
 There will be no rehearsals on Wednesday, November 27.

Cabinet & Ministries Sunday, November 10

6 pm: Cabinet

(in the Chapel, Administration Building)

6:45 pm: Ministries *(in various rooms)*

Chairs: Please contact your people and let them know where/when your Ministry will meet.

FCC Book Club

Tuesday, November 19th, will be the next FCC Book Club Meeting. We will meet in the Barton Stone Room at 10:00 am. We will discuss the book *Souls in the Sand* compiled by Lisa Carol Pulliam.

Fellowship and Service Opportunities

Annual Thanksgiving Feast This Sunday

It's that favorite time of the year at FCC! The "FEAST of THANKSGIVING" is **November 10** following Worship services. Membership is hard at work planning and cooking. We will prepare turkey, dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, and rolls. We are asking the congregation to bring salad, vegetables, and pie--LOTS OF HOMEMADE PECAN AND PUMPKIN PIE!

- **A-H** VEGETABLES
- **I-O** HOMEMADE PIES
- **P-Y** SALAD



Service Opportunity

Saturday, November 9, is the Veterans' Day Parade at Fort Chaffee. The youth will meet at 7:15 am at Disciplines Hall. We will be working with the Regional Food Bank. The assignment will be collecting coats for the needy and assist with a food give-away to local veterans. The age requirement is 13 years and above. This event can be used for service project hours. Please dress for cool to cold weather. Come join us for this worthwhile event.

John Mundy

Youth Bake Sale

Attention all butchers, bakers, and candystick makers!

Youth Fellowship is seeking your help. The youth is hosting a bake sale to offset travel expenses for Fall Fandango November 15-17 and to help with youth food and activities. We are asking for volunteers to bake some treats and donate them for the fundraiser.

The sale will be **November 10**. Please have your goods at the church in time for the youth to have for early worship. All items will be donations only. Thank you.

Group 3 Meeting

Group 3 will meet at 6:00 pm Tuesday, November 12, in Disciples Hall. Bring your dinner and enjoy fellowship with our group. Our mini-mission project for this month will be to help Earthbound Angels with their Christmas project. They are in need of cars and trucks for toddlers and boys and Barbie dolls. Hope to see everyone there.

Elizabeth Vaughn

Announcements

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 10

9:00 am Mission Café
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 3:30 pm Disciples Bells
 5:00 pm Jubilation Bells
 5:00—7:00 pm
 Youth Fellowship
 6:00 pm Cabinet Meeting
 6:45 pm Ministry Teams Meeting

Monday, November 11

9:30 am-12:30pm
 Hope Campus

Tuesday, November 12

9:00 am Staff Meeting
 10:00 am Group 1 (Parlor)
 11:30 am Lunch Bunch
 (Burrito Bowl, 1701 Rogers Ave.
 in the old White Spot)
 1:00 pm Group 2 (Parlor)
 6:00 pm Group 3 (Disciples Hall)

Wednesday, November 13

10:00 am Prime Time Bells
 3:30 pm Butterfield Worship
 4:15 pm Children’s Chimes
 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Study
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 15-Sunday November 17

Fall Fandango, Camp Couchdale,
 Hot Springs, AR

Lectionary Readings

For the week of November 10

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or 98
 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
 Luke 20:27-38

For the Record – November 3

Operating Receipts	\$ 8,952.95
Endowment.....	114.00
Monthly Budgeted	
Needs	29,118.21

Concern of the Community

- **Eckel Rowland**
 Please contact the church office with the name of any member of our congregation who has been sick or is hospitalized.

Mission Express O Café

The café opens at **9am each Sunday** morning. All the proceeds support the Mission trips. Setup **begins at 8:30am Sunday**. Come join us for fellowship, a cup of coffee and doughnuts.

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